

Remarks

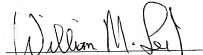
In the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated January 15, 2010, the Examiner was affirmed with respect to most claims, but the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed the Examiner insofar as dependent claim 21 is concerned. Therefore, claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 21, and claim 21 has been cancelled.

In addition, independent claims 1, 13 and 17 have been similarly amended to include the limitation of now-cancelled claim 21.

It is submitted that the claims, as amended, are allowable, and the Examiner's further and favorable reconsideration of the application in that regard is urged. As claims 24-29 are withdrawn, those claims can be cancelled, and the application will then be in order to pass on to allowance in due course.

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